GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OCEAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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EARLY TSUNAMI WARNING BY FISHERMEN
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Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether early warning regarding an impending natural calamity by some fishermen was ignored by the marine research officials as reported in the `Hindustan Times` dated January 15, 2005;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that such warnings may not be altogether ignored in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) There was no prediction by the fishermen about the Tsunami. The report regarding impending natural warning has no scientific basis.

(c) Does not arise.